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**CEREMONY
OF THE BEATIFICATION
OF JAN BULA
AND VÁCLAV DRBOLA**

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JAN BULA
& VÁCLAV DRBOLA**



JAN BULA

Jan Bula (1920–1952) was a young Catholic priest born in Lukov near Moravské Budějovice. He was ordained to the priesthood in 1945 and was appointed to serve in Rokytnice nad Rokytnou in the Vysočina region, where he carried out his entire priestly ministry.

He quickly became deeply respected and loved by his parishioners. With pastoral zeal and fatherly care, he devoted particular attention to young people and actively supported Catholic associations and parish life.

In 1951, he was unjustly arrested and falsely accused in connection with the so-called Babice trials (a 1951 political show trial in Czechoslovakia), despite having committed no crime and having been detained several months before the Babice murders occurred. Following brutal interrogations marked by physical violence, he was sentenced to death in a politically motivated show trial. On May 20, 1952, he was executed in Jihlava.

On the eve of his execution, he was permitted to write farewell letters to his family and loved ones, expressing his faith, forgiveness, and trust in God.

After the fall of the communist regime, the court officially rehabilitated him in 1990. In 2004, the cause for his beatification was formally opened, recognizing his witness of faith and fidelity to Christ in the face of persecution.

PRAYER

Lord Jesus, our Shepherd and Friend,

we thank You for the life and witness of the priests Jan and Václav, who answered Your call and served You faithfully even in the face of suffering and death. Their courage, humility, and trust in You are for us an inspiration and a challenge.

We ask You for the gift of a living and mature faith in every circumstance. Grant us the strength to love that forgives, even when it is difficult, and the courage to persevere in seeking the truth. Remind us that with You we are never alone.

May the story of the priests Jan and Václav touch our hearts and strengthen us on the path toward You.

For You live and reign forever and ever. Amen.

VÁCLAV DRBOLA



Václav Drbola (1912–1951) was born in Starovičky in South Moravia. He was ordained a priest and began his pastoral ministry in 1938, serving successively in the parishes of Slavkov u Brna, Čučice, and Bučovice, and from 1950 in Babice in the Třebíč region.

He devoted himself wholeheartedly to his priestly vocation. He worked especially with young people, actively participated in cultural and community life, and courageously defended Catholic associations after the communist regime severely restricted their activities. In 1951, like Jan Bula, he was unjustly arrested in connection with the Babice murders. He was falsely accused of high treason and of aiding anti-communist activities, despite the fact that he had already been in custody before the events for which he was blamed occurred.

On 3 August 1951, he was executed in the courtyard of the prison in Jihlava. In 2011, his cause for beatification was joined to that of Jan Bula.